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DATE OF CONTENT 28 May to 13 June 1953

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7 July 1953

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. At 7:40 a.m. on 28 May 1953, 3 amphibious vehicles, 8 trucks carrying pontoons, 12 trucks carrying beams and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were seen leaving the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne toward the Saalfeld railroad station. At 10 a.m., a second column, details of which could not be determined, was seen passing through Saalfeld. At about 1 p.m., a train carrying 12 trucks with pontoons, 10 trucks with beams, and 1 sedan, [] was seen leaving toward Rudolstadt.¹

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2. At about 4:30 a.m. on 29 May, a shipment of 25 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 19 boats and 8 amphibious vehicles; and 22 boxcars occupied by troops with an undetermined service color, arrived at the Koethen freight station, coming from the direction of Halberstadt. ²

3. At 2 p.m. on 3 June, 50 three-axle armored scout cars and 5 trucks, as well as 100 troops, were entrained at the Forst Zinna railroad station and left toward Jüterbog. [redacted]

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At 5 a.m. on 5 June, a mortar unit, including 15 x 160-mm mortars and 25 trucks, [redacted] was entrained at the Forst Zinna railroad stat.

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4. At 5 p.m. on 4 June, a train of 18 railroad cars carrying 16 x 75.2-mm AA guns, 16 trucks [redacted] and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and, mounting 3 AA machine guns, stood at the Koenigstrueck railroad station, with the engine headed toward Dresden.

5. At 8:30 p.m. on 7 June, a shipment of 1 T-34 tank chassis, 10 trucks [redacted] 8 x 85-mm AA guns, and about 100 troops was seen passing through the Cottbus railroad station, proceeding toward Leipzig.⁶

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6. No changes were discernible in Apollensdorf between 8 and 12 June, Truck [] towing a trailer with an assault boat [] and motor vehicles []

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were seen en route to the installation.

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7. On 13 June, 9 half-track armored personnel carriers, about 25 trucks
 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 10
 boxcarloads of troops and 3 boxcarloads of ration supplies and billeting
 equipment, all coming from the barracks installation east of Leipziger
 Strasse, were loaded at the Altenburg freight station and left at about
 10 p.m. toward Leipzig.⁸

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1. Comment. The movements observed were in connection with the
 repeatedly confirmed transfer of the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds
 Mtz Rifle Div to Dessau-Alten.

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2. Comment. Presumably also a shipment of an engineer unit of the
 Eighth Gds Army to Dessau-Alten.

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3. Comment. The number of armored scout cars appears unusually high, even if the
 train had carried no troop unit but only equipment.

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5. Comment. Possibly a shipment of the 4th Gds AAA Div to Wustrow.

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8. Comment. Probably elements of the 38th Army AT Arty Brig,
 presumably bound for Altengrabow or Ohrdruf.